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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 15 to 20 December, numerous convoys of trucks loaded with billeting equipment arrived at the Wuensdorf-Zossen (N 53/Z 91) military post from the direction of Luckenwalde (N 53/Z 90). Most of the trucks were unloaded in the Panzertruppen Schule at the intersection of Highway No 96 and Zehrendorferstrasse, and the convoys returned empty to Luckenwalde. were seen entering the Panzertruppen Schule on 15 Decem
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- A motor convoy, seen parking on the eastern exit of Kammersdorf with the vehicles headed toward Wuensdorf on 18 December, consisted of: 3 amphibious cars; 3 sedans; 3 x 80-mm AA guns towed by trucks; and about 4 x 76-mm AT guns. Most of the trucks seen driving to Wuensdorf between 18 and 20 December were loaded with billeting equipment. The Panzertruppen Schule in Wuensdorf was fully lighted for the first time at 4 p.m. on 20 December. *
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2. On 20 December, Camp Zossen on the east side of Highway No 96 was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. The camp buildings were 30 to 40 percent lighted during the evening hours.
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3. Between 16 and 21 December, trucks were seen entering the Wuensdorf military post individually and in convoys. Most of them moved into the Panzertruppen Schule and some, to the Hindenburg Kaserno on the east side of Highway No 96. A resident
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from Luckenwalde said that all vehicles involved in the movement belonged to units that had been stationed in Luckenwalde up to that time.

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4. During the evening hours of 16 December, a convoy of about 20 sedans was seen moving into the Panzertruppen Schule. Twelve sidecar motorcycles were observed among the equipment unloaded from a train at the Wuensdorf railroad station during the night of 18 December. * A railroad siding was under construction between the Wuensdorf railroad station and the Wuensdorf-Zossen road. It was planned to continue the track beyond the road and, according to rumors, to extend the track to an assembly workshop which was to be constructed north of the Panzertruppen Schule. ***

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5. On 21 December, [] observed that a board fence was being constructed around the partially destroyed Langemarck Block, a former officers' settlement east of the Lutz Kaserne on Highway No 96. It was rumored that the settlement would be reconditioned. **

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6. T-34 tanks [] left the Hindenburg Kaserne toward Baruth on 3 December. At about 6:30 a.m. on 5 December, the sirens of the Hindenburg Kaserne sounded an air raid warning, whereupon the whole installation was blacked out at once, and all troops hurried through the northern gate to the training field. The all-clear signal was given at 12 a.m., and all troops returned to their quarters. At 5 p.m., 15 trucks carrying troops and towing AT guns were seen driving from the Hindenburg Kaserne to the Wuensdorf railroad station, where an entraining practice was held up to 6 p.m. At 6:15 p.m., a unit of 1 lieutenant colonel, 2 senior lieutenants and 70 men with red-bordered black epaulets was seen marching from the Hindenburg Kaserne toward the training area. The soldiers carried submachine guns, 12 AT rifles and 10 machine guns, and towed one field howitzer by hand. The troops in the Hindenburg Kaserne observed the following duty routine on all days, including Sundays, in early December: duty from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., a break from 2 to 4 p.m., duty from 4 to 8 p.m., supper, duty from 9 to 11:30 p.m., and taps at 11:30 p.m. Troops were seen drilling every evening at a field lit by arc lamps.

7. Twenty-five lieutenants and senior lieutenants wearing tank insignia were seen on their way from the Lutz Kaserne to the Wuensdorf railroad station on 29 November. They bought tickets to Jueterbog (N 52/E 69), Leisnig (N 52/K 69), Dresden (N 52/F 29), Zossen and Rangsdorf, which is located 15 km north of Wuensdorf. **

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8. Four T-34/85 tanks and two railroad carloads of tank motors were unloaded at the Wuensdorf railroad station on 23 December, and several machine tools on 30 and 31 December. It was rumored that the tank repair shop from Kummarsdorf would be moved to Wuensdorf and re-established there. Public notices announced the immediate hiring of 500 workers. ***

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* [] Comment. The movement of the Hq Third Gds Mecz Army with [] head-
quarters units from Luckenwalde to Wuensdorf has been confirmed by numerous
reports of various sources from Luckenwalde. []

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[] One more military train en route from Luckenwalde to Wuensdorf []
reported by another source on 14 December 1951. Although the present report
is not specific enough to identify the troops in the individual barracks
installations, it indicates that the Panzertruppen Schule houses the Hq
Third Gds Mecz Army.

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** [] Comment. The remaining barracks installations apparently continue to
house units and officer training courses of the GDFG.

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*** [] Comment. The location of a tank repair shop at Kummersdorf, as reported
in paragraph 8, has previously been known only from reports on the arrival of
shipments of damaged tanks and tank spare parts. Paragraphs 4 and 8 of the
present report indicate, however, that the movement of this repair shop
from Kummersdorf to Wuensdorf is a distinct possibility.

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